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## Staying Connected



### City Council Article

J. Scott Bracken - District #2

Technology has changed the way we communicate. It used to be that when you wanted the garbage taken out, you had to holler to the child responsible to get it done. I've found that a text message (even when the responsible party is sitting in the next room) is a much more effective way to relay the request. I get updates from my wife, who is a devout non-user of Facebook, via Twitter. Yet, Facebook is a great way for me to keep up with many extended family members, friends, and acquaintances that I don't always have time to contact otherwise. E-mail is useful for things too big to "tweet" or text, and it's faster and more convenient than traditional "snail" mail. On top of everything, I also still use my mobile phone to place actual phone calls!

My point is that most of us use a variety of tools to keep in touch

with other people and organizations. Cottonwood Heights strives to be a leader in communicating with citizens on a regular basis, and especially during emergencies. Our city's demographics show we have highly educated households, high income per capita, and high broadband take rates, which all indicate the city should effectively use technology to communicate with residents. I'd like to discuss two new methods we are implementing to ensure better communication in the event of emergencies.

Reverse-911 was recently utilized with success during the Machine Gun Fire in the hills above Herriman and also after a tanker truck rolled over on I-215 in 2008 and began leaking compressed propane onto the roadway. Closer to home, Cottonwood Heights conducted a Reverse-911 test with the Valley

Emergency Communications Center (VECC) on September 7 between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The city was divided into 13 separate areas and 9,500 calls were placed to our residents during that three-hour period.

I am happy to report that almost 60 percent of the calls were either answered by someone who listened to the entire message or by a voicemail system which allowed a message to be recorded. Though it sounds like a small number, when compared to a typical response rate of around 20 percent we are very pleased with the result. Hopefully, tests like this will help us get the word out so that in the event of a real emergency, residents will know what to expect when they get such a call.

During the test Reverse-911 call, my Caller ID showed "Dialogic Communications" (a VECC partner

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## Cottonwood Heights soldier dies in Afghanistan

Sgt. Aaron Keith Kramer, a member of the Army's 101st Airborne Division and longtime Cottonwood Heights resident, was killed in action in Afghanistan on Sept. 16, 2010. He was 22 years old.

Kramer moved to Cottonwood Heights with his family when he was five years old. He attended Butler Elementary, Wasatch Junior High, and Skyline High School, graduating with straight A's. In his spare time, he loved to hike and go camping with his family. His favorite places to visit were Canyonlands National Park and Lake Powell. He had recently developed an interest in wakeboarding.

Kramer was intent on a career in the military, joining the Army

even before he graduated from high school. He was trained as an Army Ranger. After serving one tour of duty in Iraq from 2007 to 2008, Kramer spent a year at Fort Campbell before being deployed to Afghanistan in June 2010.

Family members say Aaron will be remembered for his huge smile, his concern for others and his sense of fun despite being highly disciplined and driven to reach his goals.

He is survived by his wife Jackie Kramer, who lives in Wisconsin, his parents Richard and Shannon Kramer, his sister Jen Schroader and his twin brother Brandon Kramer. Funeral services were held on Sept. 25, 2010, after which Kramer was interred at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park.



Sgt. Aaron Keith Kramer  
Army's 101st Airborne Division

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Recorder.....944-7021

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Finance Director.....944-7012

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Public Information.....944-7015

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To hear the agenda for the next city council meeting call: 944-7003

For the planning commission agenda call 944-7004

For details about the agendas, check our web site:

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### NUMBERS TO KNOW:

**Emergency**.....911

**Dispatch**.....840-4000

**Fire Authority**.....743-7100

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ELECTION REMINDER

On November 2, 2010, Utahns will head for the polls to vote in the general election. In this year’s race, Salt Lake County voters will decide many high-level and hotly contested offices, from United States Representative and Utah Governor to District Attorney and Sheriff.

Will your voice be heard?

In order to participate in the election, you must be 18 years of age or older and registered to vote. To request a voter registration form, find out if you are already registered, or to find your polling location contact the Salt Lake County Elections Division at 801-468-3427 or visit [www.clerk.slco.org](http://www.clerk.slco.org).

The last day to register to vote by mail is October 4. To register to vote in person, please go to the Salt Lake County Office Building at 2001 S. State Street, Suite S1100 by October 18. Remember, you must re-register if you move, change your name, or want to change your political party.

Early voting is possible at locations around the valley including Cottonwood Heights City Hall, located at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Early voting runs from Oct. 19 through Oct. 29. The polls will be open from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for the last day of early voting when the polls close at 5 p.m.

HISTORICAL QUESTION

Historical Question:  
What pioneer cemetery is located within Cottonwood Heights?  
*(find answer on later page)*

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for mass calls) and a 615 area code. Were VECC to generate the calls from its local 911 center, the Caller ID would be 000-000-0000. VECC is working on acquiring a more informative Caller ID, but please, if you get a call from this number, pick up and listen before dismissing the call.

VECC is also allowing citizens to register their mobile phones to an address for Reverse-911. This service is critical to residents without a land line or for those who spend much of their time away from home. Instructions on how to register are located on the city website in two places: under the “Hot Topics” tab, and also under the “Get Involved” tab on the “Emergency Preparedness” page. Follow the instructions very carefully, and make sure to enter address and phone information exactly as it is shown in the examples. Remember, this is an actual phone call, so text messaging or other mobile plan features are not required. In case of an emergency, such as the tanker truck rollover, how much better to get the call on your mobile phone and stay away from the danger rather than heading straight toward the problem!

Another emerging system for communicating time sensitive-information is Twitter. Twitter allows very short messages to be sent out to a group of followers. Those “tweets” can easily be set up to go directly to your mobile phone as SMS (text) messages, thus making them very useful in the event of an emergency. Cottonwood Heights has set up a twitter account called

CHVOLUNTEERS to recruit volunteers during emergencies, such as the flooding of Little Cottonwood Creek this past spring. We have also set up CHCERT to communicate with C.E.R.T.-trained personnel. We’ll be setting up other accounts for general information and events in the near future. If you’re interested in getting this type of information quickly, create a Twitter account (or recruit a tech-savvy teen to help you) and add CHVOLUNTEERS (and CHCERT if you’re C.E.R.T certified) to the list of people and groups you follow.

It’s better to make connections before an emergency occurs rather than in the middle of an event, which could defeat the whole purpose of these services. In the case of the Herriman fire, BeReadyHerriman went from having 100 followers to more than 1,450 followers overnight. It’s fortunate the systems were in place for all those new users to sign up, but it’s not hard to imagine a situation where the systems might go down. So please, take action now before the emergency actually occurs.

Being familiar with new technology tools for communication will help both you as residents and us as city leaders be better prepared when something happens. All notifications systems have limitations, but if we have a variety of communications options in our toolbox and are familiar with how they work, we will all be better-protected and better-informed in the event of an emergency.

The following is a list of public offices which Cottonwood Heights residents will decide in the upcoming general election, as well as the candidates who have filed to run for those offices. If you would like to see a sample ballot, please go to [www.clerk.slco.org](http://www.clerk.slco.org) and enter your address to look up the polling information.

Governor

- Farley M. Anderson/  
Steve Maxfield
- Peter Corroon/  
Sheryl Allen
- Gary Herbert/  
Greg Bell
- W. Andrew McCullough/  
Aric M. Cramer, Sr.

US Senate

- Scott N. Bradley
- Sam F. Granato
- Mike Lee

US Representative

- Dave Glissmeyer
- Wayne L. Hill
- Randall Hinton
- Jim Matheson
- Morgan Philpot

State House District 45

- Laura Black
- Steven Eliason
- David Perry

State House District 46

- N. William Clayton
- Marie Poulson

State House District 49

- Derek Brown
- Jay Seegmiller

State Senate District 4

- Doug Greer
- Patrice W. Jones

State School Board #10

- Laurel O. Brown

Canyons School Board District #2

- Kim Murphy Horiuchi

Salt Lake County Council Seat B

- Holly Mullen
- Warren T. Rogers
- Richard Snelgrove

Salt Lake County Assessor

- Liz Fehrmann
- Lee Gardner

Salt Lake County Auditor

- Jeff Hatch
- Gregory P. Hawkins

Salt Lake County Clerk

- Sherrie Swensen
- Jeremy Votaw

Salt Lake County District Attorney

- Lohra Miller
- Sim Gill

Salt Lake County Recorder

- Maria O’Brien
- Gary Ott

Salt Lake County Sheriff

- Beau Babka
- James “Jim” Winder

Salt Lake County Surveyor

- Reid J. Demman
- Michael W. Nadeau

Salt Lake County Treasurer

- William F. (Bill) Anderson
- K. Wayne Cushing





## Domestic violence can be prevented through awareness, action

By April Ryce

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and as Cottonwood Heights Police Department's Victim Advocate, I think it is important for all of us to take the opportunity to educate ourselves and be aware of this problem in our community so that we can act to improve the lives of abuse victims.

Domestic violence is a systematic pattern of abuse which happens when one person uses violence to gain power and control over another. The pattern of abuse may consist of a combination of physical, emotional, verbal, psychological, and sexual violence. Typically the violence escalates and becomes more frequent and/or severe over time.

Between January 1, 2010 and June 30, 2010 victim advocacy services were offered to 111 domestic violence victims in Cottonwood Heights, making up approximately 44 percent of my case load. Unfortunately, these numbers reflect only the incidents reported to the police department. We know there are many more victims in our community whose stories have not been told.

My job is to help victims of crime navigate the court system and find the services they need to live a life free of violence and abuse. My goal as a victim advocate is to seek out and listen to victims who, until now, have not been able to come forward. This is a far-reaching goal and I will not achieve it without community awareness of the problem and help from individual community members.



If you suspect that someone you know is being abused, there are steps you can take to help that person. First, educate yourself to recognize the signs of abuse. Victims of domestic violence may have physical injuries such as bruises, black eyes, or broken bones. When asked about the injuries, victims sometimes minimize, deny, or make excuses about how they happened. They may wear clothing or accessories inappropriate for the weather in order to hide their injuries. It's also possible they will display an unusual amount of negative

feelings such as depression, anxiety, fear, suicidal thoughts, or tearfulness. Victims may be forced or coerced into isolation or they may choose to isolate themselves from others.

If you suspect abuse and want to be of assistance to the victim, know your own boundaries and be aware of services provided by other agencies. Ask yourself if stepping into the situation will put you or your family in danger. If so, consider getting a third party involved. Remember to approach victims of abuse non-judgmentally. Believe them, respect them, and let them know you are concerned. Tell them the abuse is not their fault. Point out their strengths, let them know there is help available, but don't tell them what to do. They must be in control of their own choices.

No one deserves to be abused. If you are experiencing domestic violence in your home or know someone you suspect may be a victim of domestic violence, please contact me at 801-944-7042. The victim advocate program associated with CHPD also has volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested in volunteering please contact our office at 801-944-7100.



photo taken by Richard Clayton

## Firefighter Killed In Auto Accident

UFA Firefighter Bruce McGowan was killed in an automobile accident in Parley's Canyon on Sept. 11, 2010. He was 45 years old.

McGowan served as a "rover" in the UFA system for a time, and worked some shifts at Station 110 in Cottonwood Heights. He was an enormous benefit to the crews he worked on, and cared about the people he met.

"If you saw Bruce walk in the door, you knew it was going to be a fun day at the station," said UFA Battalion Chief Clint Smith. "Bruce lit up the room with his big smile and had such a positive attitude. It was infectious. Everyone around him couldn't help but be happy."

McGowan leaves behind his wife Heidi and their two daughters.

## Planning Department Projects Moving Forward – By Morgan Brim



The Cottonwood Heights Planning Department is always busy with new developments, buildings, and zoning changes. Some of these projects have been in the news recently, and some are in the process of being completed. Here is a quick overview of some of the most visible projects taking place in the city right now.

### Tall Building General Plan Amendment

This year, the planning commission considered amending the General Plan to include language in support of tall buildings at three locations in Cottonwood Heights:

1. Union Park Office Center – Located on the southwest corner of 1300 East and Fort Union Boulevard.
2. Gravel Pit – Located on Wasatch Boulevard just north of Big Cottonwood Canyon.
3. Old Mill IV Building Pad – Located at approximately 6200 South and 3000 East.

During this process, the planning commission held two public hearings and the city staff facilitated a two-day open house to take public comment. In addition, the

planning commission met several times in work meetings to discuss the merits of this amendment. The commission decided on a positive recommendation to the city council in favor of the Union Park Office Center and Gravel Pit sites for tall buildings. The commission recommended denial of the Old Mill IV site. These recommendations can be found on the city's website under the Hot Topics link. The city council is now responsible for making a final decision on the amendment. The council will hear public comment on the matter on October 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the city council chambers.

### Sensitive Lands Ordinance

The city is currently revising its Sensitive Lands Ordinance. During the last few months, a committee made up of geologists, engineers,

planners, city staff, city officials and an ecologist have created an updated draft of the ordinance which will be introduced to the planning commission on October 20, 2010. The ordinance includes several maps that outline potential geologic hazards throughout Cottonwood Heights. It also provides guidelines for development in areas that are considered geologically sensitive. The planning commission will hold a public hearing on the draft ordinance, but no dates have been set as of yet. To receive notifications of upcoming planning commission meetings and public hearings, register your email address by visiting [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

### Tavaci

The proposal to consider a new ordinance for the Tavaci development





## Chief's CORNER

### Parents' role in underage drinking

As a community we have come a long way in educating ourselves about underage drinking. Parents today have a keen awareness that underage alcohol use is strongly correlated with violence, poor academic performance, promiscuity, arrest and many other dangers. Alcohol use by teens is one of the strongest predictors of teen injury, fighting, academic problems, truancy, unprotected sexual activity, unwanted sexual advances, illegal activity and illicit drug use.

The overall vigilance of parents is to be commended, so I am disappointed when I hear of parents who allow teenagers to drink in their home. Last month, officers responded to a noise disturbance complaint only to discover a large group of juveniles at a house party with a parent serving as the "chaperone." As usual, the kids jumped out the windows and over the neighbors' fences before being rounded up by the responding officers. Each of the kids was given a breathalyzer test and those who tested positive for having consumed alcohol were issued citations and their respective parents were called.

When the parents began to arrive, they were not happy. They had done their due diligence and called the family hosting the party to make sure a responsible adult would be present. They had also

**If you are under 21 and are caught with a measurable amount of alcohol in your system, you could spend up to six months in jail and pay \$1,850 in fines.**

been assured that there would be no alcohol at the party before allowing their children to attend. They were hoodwinked. The most disturbing question is: what possible logic does an adult use to justify hosting an alcohol party for teenagers?

Parties like the one I've described happen with some frequency and the excuse is always the same: "All teenagers drink, and I would rather have them drinking at home. Shouldn't the police be chasing real criminals?" I learned long ago that when you become a parent, you have to sacrifice being "cool" sometimes. That's a

lesson I suspect the mother who hosted the party will learn in district court when she appears on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Both parents and teens should know the consequences associated with underage drinking. If you are under 21 years of age and you possess, consume, buy or try to buy alcohol, you could spend up to six months in jail if you are over the age of 18 and you could pay up to \$1,850 in fines and surcharges. For a first offense, your driver's license will be suspended for one year. That suspension could be reduced if you complete an educational series related to the offense, but the reduction is subject to the court's discretion and is not guaranteed.

If you are under 21 and are caught with a measurable amount of alcohol in your system, you could spend up to six months in jail and pay \$1,850 in fines. You will lose your driver's license for 120 days or until you are 21, whichever is longer. Without a license, you could lose your job and getting to school will take some creativity. It's a single strike law that gets minors out.



**Chief Robby Russo**

As a parent, it is unnerving to think that your child could attend an alcohol party with friends, even if there are other adults present. Please remember: it's important that you speak with your child before such a situation arises. Remind them that they should move to a safe area, call home, and never get into a car with a friend who has been drinking.



## Hundreds attend Emergency Preparedness Fair

On Sept. 11, 2010, Cottonwood Heights city leaders and staff joined hundreds of volunteers and residents at the bi-annual Emergency Preparedness Fair at Brighton High School.

The event began with a flag-raising ceremony and short remarks by Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr., after which visitors walked through booths and watched demonstrations sponsored by local service organizations and businesses.

Unified Fire Authority demonstrated their

heavy rescue equipment by taking a car apart to get to volunteer "victim," while Cottonwood Heights Animal Control offered to implant ID chips in pets for \$5.

The highlight of the event was the rollout of multi-colored triage ribbons, which were donated by Smith's Food and Drug and assembled by boy scouts and other volunteers. After the event, Matt Conley, Alex Davis, Matt Davis, and Susan and Don Stephan assembled even more ribbons, adding to the 11,000 ribbons that had already been put together and distributed.

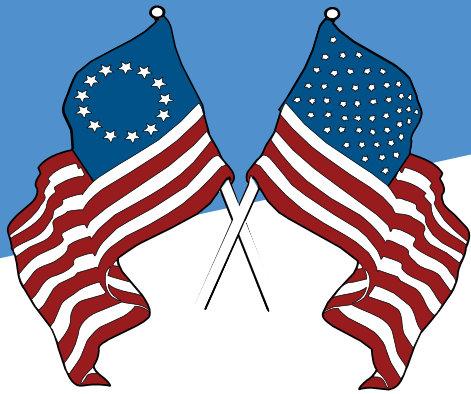


**EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS FAIR**

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## “Meet the Candidates” before the November election



Cottonwood Heights residents will have the opportunity to speak with many of the candidates running for office in the upcoming general election during the city’s Meet the Candidates Night at Cottonwood Heights Elementary School on Oct. 21.

The open house event starts at 6 p.m. and lasts until 8:30 p.m. Residents will be able to meet candidates face-to-face and ask questions regarding policy and issues of local interest. Those running for U.S. Congress, the Utah State Legislature, and Salt Lake County offices are among the candidates who have been invited to attend.

During the event, residents will also be able to sign up for Reverse-911 and Twitter notification services. These two communications tools are essential for residents to stay informed in case of a large-scale emergency. Please read Councilman Scott Bracken’s front-page article for more information on this topic.

**We encourage all residents to take this opportunity to meet our local candidates!**

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The October meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, October 5th**  
7 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, October 12th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, October 19th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, October 26th**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting



Ghosts, goblins, and monsters of all ages are encouraged to haunt Cottonwood Heights’ Monster Mash Halloween Party on Ice at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center on Oct. 29!

The city and the rec center teamed up to sponsor the event, which runs from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and includes free ice skating, games, a costume contest, a haunted hallway, and prizes and treats.

Because of the Monster Mash party, there will be no Halloween events at city hall this year.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Mike Watson photo by Brett Pelletier

Cottonwood Heights City Engineer Brad Gilson and UFA Asst. Chief Mike Watson both competed in elite sports events on Sept 11, 2010.



Brad Gilson

Gilson competed in the International Triathlon Union World Championship Grand Final in Budapest, Hungary. In all, 2,800 athletes from 67 countries competed in the event. Gilson came in fifth in his age group and had the third fastest time overall for the cycling portion of the event.

Gilson, who competed on the swim team while at Brighton High School “back in the day,” decided to get back into shape after hurting his back while on a trip in Italy.

“I came home and got serious about exercise and signed up for a triathlon. The rest is history,” he said.

A little closer to home, Watson competed in the Logan to Jackson, or “LotoJa,” bicycle race. The race is the longest USCF-sanctioned one-day bike race in the United States, and cyclists must climb and descend three mountain passes in the first 110 miles of the 206-mile race.

This year marked Watson’s seventh time as a competitor in the race.

“To me it’s all about spending a day with my buddies,” he said. “We call it ‘a day in the sun’ because we just want to finish while it’s still daylight.”

Watson said the race went smoothly this year thanks to minimal headwinds, cool temperatures, and no mechanical problems with the bikes. His goal is to compete in LotoJa until he has logged 2,000 miles during the race.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS!**





The Cottonwood Heights City Council was invited to dinner with the Cottonwood Heights Youth City Council on Sept. 31 at the city offices. Elected leaders and city staff ate dinner with their youth counterparts, got to know them a little better and discussed some of the responsibilities associated with being leaders in the community. City Manager Liane Stillman and Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr. then spoke to the youth council as a whole. *In this photo, Councilman Tee Tyler sits with youth council members from his district.*

## Public Works Update

### It's time again for the leaves to fall—and cleanup to begin!

We encourage residents to reuse and recycle their leaves by digging them into the garden, composting them, or using a lawn mower to mulch them into the lawn. This adds nutrients and helps the soil retain moisture.

However, residents can also bag the leaves and drop them off at collection sites around the valley. Beginning Oct. 1, leaf bags will be available to residents at two locations in Cottonwood Heights: city hall, located at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Suite 250; and the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center, located at 7500 South 2700 East. Leaf bags come in a bundle of ten bags, and residents will be allowed one bundle per household.

Then, between Oct. 15 and Nov. 30, full leaf bags can be dropped off in specific trailers at Bywater Park (3300 East 7420 South). The trailers will be emptied daily. Leaf bags **will not** be collected curbside. Please do not dump garbage, yard waste or other items at the leaf bag collection site, or put leaves in your recycle bin. For more information on leaf collection, including a full list of collection sites, visit [www.sanitation.slco.org](http://www.sanitation.slco.org) or call the city offices at 801-944-7000.

## Safety Message



Asst. Chief Mike Watson

### DISTRACTED DRIVING

What is distracted driving? When a driver is not 100 percent focused on driving, they are considered to be a distracted driver. ***Distractions come in many forms, but some of the most common distractions while driving are:***

- Using a cell phone, including texting
- Eating and drinking
- Talking to passengers
- Grooming
- Reading, including maps
- Using a PDA or navigation system (GPS)
- Watching a video
- Changing the radio station, CD or Mp3 player

Distracted driving can be deadly. In 2008, almost 20 percent of crashes were caused by distracted driving, resulting in almost 6,000 deaths and more than half a million injuries.

Car accidents caused by distracted driving are preventable. Pull over and park to make calls or send text messages. Take an extra minute to finish eating or find directions on a map or GPS system before starting the car. Leave the radio alone and don't watch videos while driving. Stay focused on the task at hand so everyone can make it to their destinations safely.

The U.S. Department of Transportation maintains a website with information about distracted driving and how to avoid the dangers associated with it. To learn more about distracted driving, including statistics and individual state laws, please visit [www.distraction.gov](http://www.distraction.gov)







## Gov. Herbert Honors Police At Awards Banquet

The Cottonwood Heights Police Department entertained some very special guests at its second annual Recognition Program and Banquet at the Market Street Grill on Sept. 22, 2010. Gov. Gary Herbert and sports figure Frank Layden both addressed the officers and their guests and talked about what it means to be a hero in someone's life.

Herbert spoke about the sacrifices it takes to serve the community.

"The people of Cottonwood Heights are proud of your service, and you're serving in a good way," said Herbert. "You're part of the fabric of what makes this such a good place to live."

Layden gave an energetic and humorous speech, marked by good-natured potshots at community leaders who attended the event. However, he became serious when describing the people he considers to be everyday heroes that have inspired him, including military servicemen and policemen.



"There is gratification in doing something with your life," Layden said. "If you are mentally and spiritually prepared and physically capable of taking challenges on, you have nothing to fear."

CHPD recognized several of its officers and staff during the event. Officer Todd Leiendecker, who is currently serving with the Army in Afghanistan, received the Art Brown Award for his impressive list of DUI arrests. Four members of the department were given the Meritorious Service Award: Officer Thomas Daugherty, Officer Sam Dawson, Administrative Assistant Gina

Talbot, and Support Specialist Renita Pullman.

The Distinguished Service Award went to two officers, Ken Eatchel and Randy Maurer. Michael Galieti received the Chief's Award, and Det. Steve Olson was named Officer of the Year.

Two awards were given to people who work outside the police department. Cottonwood Heights resident Al Haslam was honored with a Citizen Service Award for his volunteer effort to get Neighborhood Watch off the ground. The Prosecutor of the Year Award was given to Deputy District Attorney Michaela Andruzzi.



## Thank You, Michael Black

Michael Black, who served as Cottonwood Heights' Director of Economic and Community Development, submitted his resignation to the city in September after accepting a job with the city of Grant's Pass, Oregon. Black was honored for his contributions to Cottonwood Heights at city council meeting on Sept. 7.

Michael began working for the city just after its incorporation in 2005 and wrote the city's zoning ordinances and land-use maps. The Timberline Trailhead that leads to Ferguson Canyon was designed by Michael, who considered open space to be an essential part of a well-planned community.

He worked on controversial zoning and master planning issues such as the Highland Drive general plan amendment and the proposed general plan amendment regarding tall buildings which is currently being considered by the city council. Though he was sometimes criticized, he took it in stride and worked hard to do what was best for the community.

Michael spent two years revising the city's Sensitive Lands Ordinance. He worked hard to research how other jurisdictions handled the issue and selected a group of professionals to assist in fine-tuning the ordinance, which will be considered by the planning commission this month.

While working for Cottonwood Heights,

Michael earned his Master's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of Utah. His final project was a tentative design for a city center complex that would include city hall, the police department, and an amphitheater and open space for city events. Though such a project is years away, city leaders hope to use some of those ideas in the future.

Michael was always creative and fun to work with while maintaining professionalism in tough situations. He realized that his job was not to make policy, but to work on planning solutions that would benefit the community as a whole.

Michael loved Diet Dr. Pepper and came to love running, even participating in marathons. His quick wit and calm demeanor will be missed, but we wish Michael and his family all the best in their new adventure.



## Emergency Preparedness Fair

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When: September 11  
Time: 10 am - 2 pm  
Location: Brighton High School

Getting READY before  
the EMERGENCY!

The ribbons are to be hung in the front windows of residences in the event of a large-scale emergency so that rescue crews can easily assess which neighborhoods are in need of the most help. Residents who did not receive a triage ribbon at the emergency fair or at Smith's in Cottonwood Heights can pick up the ribbons at the city offices, located at 1265 E. Fort Union Blvd. Suite 250.

Cottonwood Heights would like to thank the volunteers from the emergency committee for organizing the event, as well as all of the emergency response entities, vendors and residents who made the fair a success.







### CHPD officers help with Herriman fire

Five Cottonwood Heights Police officers spent some tense hours helping with the Machine Gun Fire in Herriman in September.

Mark Askerlund, Thom Daugherty, Ken Eatchel, Brian Eschtruth, and Chad Soffe all volunteered to assist Unified Police with the evacuation efforts. All except Soffe live in Herriman.

The officers participated in door-to-door evacuations and traffic control, and worked to keep the command center informed of the location of the fire line as it moved toward homes. Two of the officers also worked to evacuate horses from the area.

In all, the officers contributed more than 45 hours of service toward keeping residents in the area safe.

*Thank you for your hard work!*

### HISTORICAL ANSWERS

#### Answer Historical Committee question:

Union Fort Pioneer Cemetery is located at 1485 East Creek Rd. Rufus Forbush buried his first wife, Polly Clark, on his farm located on Little Cottonwood Creek upstream from Union Fort on August 22,

1851. That winter, a smallpox epidemic struck the Sandy District and the survivors buried their dead near Polly's grave. When Rufus visited her grave the next spring and discovered the other burial plots, he set aside that parcel of land which came to be known as the Paradise Cemetery. Many Union Fort settlers are buried there including Silas Richards, who assisted in building Union Fort and was the first Justice of the Peace of Union Precinct. Several African American settlers are buried in the Union Fort Pioneer Cemetery, including Green Flake and Hark Wales. Jake Galbraith, a southern Confederate soldier wounded in the Civil War, was the grave digger and cemetery sexton for many years. Sarah Ann Griffiths Forbush, born at Union Fort in 1852, was the last adult buried in the cemetery in 1939. The last child buried in the Union Fort Pioneer Cemetery was Karen Van Valkenburg in 1942.

### Correction

In last month's edition of the News Journal, the photography credit was inadvertently excluded from cast photo for the Cottonwood Heights Arts Council's performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The cast photo was taken by Gina Peterson of Golden June Photography.



### PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon remains active. However, it is on hold pending finalization of the Sensitive Lands Ordinance. When that ordinance is in place, consideration of a new ordinance for Tavaci will likely be part of the planning commission agenda in the coming months.

#### Platinum Carwash

Many residents may be wondering, "What's happening across the street from the Whitmore Library?" The beginning construction phases for a new Platinum Carwash are currently underway. This past summer, the planning commission approved a site plan and a conditional use permit to accommodate a full service carwash. The Cottonwood Heights facility will include an automated wash tunnel, washing and drying bays and a towel drying location. A front office, store and lounge are also planned. Platinum Carwash has two other locations in West Jordan and Draper.

## Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

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7500 S. 2700 E.

### FREE Monster Mash Halloween Party on Ice

For kids 12 & under: ice skating, games, costume contest, prizes, haunted hallway, treats—ALL FREE!

**Friday Oct. 29**  
4-6pm



### Swim Lessons Fall Sessions III & IV

Swim lessons start Oct. 11 & Oct. 25—sign up now

### Super Fun UEA Weekend

**Oct. 14, 15, & 18**  
Public Swim: 12-4pm  
Public Skate: 2-4pm

### Learn to Skate Fall Session II

Learn to Skate lessons( all levels) start Oct. 19—sign up now



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